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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-6 and add new claims 7-12, as follows:

7. (New) A electronic storage unit having at least one heating unit for heating a cooking area and including at least one extractor fan, comprising:

a control unit for regulating a switch-on time for said extractor fan from one of a plurality of different switch-on times depending upon a selected cooking mode; and

an electronic storage unit coupled to said control unit and having at least one of said switch-on times stored in said electronic storage unit.

8. (New) The electronic storage unit according to claim 7, including said control unit formed at least partly monobloc with a second control unit to control said heating unit.

9. (New) The electronic storage unit according to claim 7, including said electronic storage unit formed at least partly monobloc with a second storage unit in which said at least one cooking mode value is stored.

10. (New) The electronic storage unit according to claim 7, including a humidity sensor coupled to said control unit, said extractor fan being controlled by a predetermined value detected by said humidity sensor.

11. (New) The electronic storage unit according to claim 10, including said stored switch-on time is changed depending upon the value sensed by said humidity sensor.

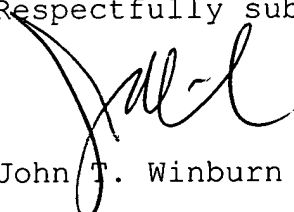
12. (New) The electronic storage unit according to claim 7, including said extractor fan is formed monobloc with a cooling fan.

REMARKS

The new claims are added to conform to US practice and to eliminate multiple dependent claims. The amendment does not add any new matter, but is merely formal in nature to

place the application into better form for examination. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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